

**REMARKS**

Claims 1-9 remain in connection with the present application.

*Election/Restriction Requirement*

The Examiner has requested Applicant to elect between one of the following groups:

Group I, including claims 1-5; and

Group II, including claims 6-9.

*Applicant's Election*

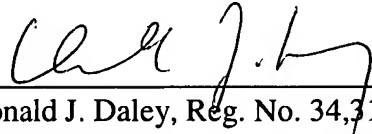
Applicants respectfully elect Group I, including claims 1-5, without traverse for prosecution in connection with the present application. Early indication of allowability is respectfully requested.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 08-0750 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 or 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Very truly yours,

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